THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Tuesday, 28th July 1953.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Closure of the Civil Supplies Unit at Vijayavada.

* 1142-A, * 1142-B and * 1142-C—

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There are three questions on the same subject. I will answer all of them together."

* 1142-A *Q.*—SRI M. LAKSHMANASWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have cancelled the Civil Supplies Unit at Vijayavada; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative to what place the lorries and other vehicles of the Unit were transferred?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) In pursuance of the Decontrol Policy adopted by the Government, two units of lorries (36 in all), were laid off the road in October 1952 as there was no work for them.

" (*b*) Some of the lorries were sent to other districts for use in the Mobile Grain Shop Scheme. Some were sent to other districts including Guntur for use in famine relief operations and supplying drinking water. Four vehicles were auctioned at Vijayavada itself as they were unfit for further use. The remaining lorries which either required extensive repairs or were unfit for further use were ordered to be transferred to Madras for repairs or sale. Seven of them have already arrived at Madras and the remaining eleven are on the way. The defunct units did not consist of any vehicles other than lorries."

* 1142-B *Q.*—SRI K. SUBBA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to State—

(*a*) whether the Civil Supplies Department Unit at Vijayavada has been abolished ; and

(*b*) how many Civil Supplies lorries were transferred to Madras from Vijayavada?